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Toshihumi TAKADA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2833  
Serial No.: 09/832,190 ) Examiner: E. A. Leon  
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For: CARD CONNECTOR )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement requires a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, an English language abstract of the non-English document is enclosed.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the listed documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the listed documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the listed documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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